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SUBJECT: ICEM COUNCIL, 38TH SESSION, SUMMARY

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1. THE 38TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE INTEGGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION (ICEM) COMPLETED ITS DELIBERATIONS LATE EVENING NOVEMBER 18. CHAIRING COUNCIL WAS JAMES M. WILSON (US), COORDINATOR FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS. OBSERVING SESSION WERE GARNER J. CLINE, STAFF DIRECTOR, HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, SIDNEY RAWITZ, SPECIAL COUNSEL, SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION, AND HENRY C. FALCHER, INS REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE. READ INTO RECORD OF SESSION AT FINAL MEETING WAS LETTER OF GREETING AND SUPPORT FROM HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, PETER RODINO, JR.

2. ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN ICEM AT THIS SESSION WERE PORTUGAL, AND CANADA, LATTER AS OBSERVER.

3. PRINCIPAL POINTS OF CONTROVERSEY CONCERNED ICEM'S
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DEFICIT BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR 1976, SUGGESTIONS

FOR A REVISED ICEM CONSTITUTION, AND STATEMENT ON LATIN AMERICAN PROGRAM PRESENTED BY LA MEMBER STATES. PROBLEMS EARLIER POSED BY DIRECTOR'S PROPOSAL FOR CAPITAL WORKING FUND DISPELLED WHEN ICEM DIRECTOR THOMAS UNEXPECTEDLY WITHDREW PROPOSAL AT SCBF (REFTEL).

4. ON 1976 BUDGET, AFTER CONSIDERABLE DEBATE CENTERING ON UNACCEPTABILITY OF DEFICITARY SITUATION, BUDGET WAS ADOPTED WITH UNITED STATES, SPAIN, ARGENTINA AND GERMANY RESERVING VOTE. DIRECTOR WAS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT TO 1976 SPRING SESSION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE A BUDGET REVISION WITH NECESSARY PROPOSALS TO ACHIEVE BALANCED BUDGET BY END OF YEAR.

5. SUGGESTIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ICEM CONSTITUTION WHICH, IN JUDGMENT OF MANY DELS WOULD HAVE IMPINGED UPON MANDATES OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, NOTABLY UNHCR, RAN INTO HEAVY OPPOSITION. QUESTIONING WISDOM OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES WERE, INTER ALIA, DELEGATES OF US, NETHERLANDS, ISRAEL, FRG, ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL. EARLIER, IN SEPARATE PRESENTATION, DEPUTY UNHCR MACE HAD VOICED RESERVATIONS CONCERNING CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES BY ALLUDING TO SPECIFIC DESIGNATED OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS OF ICEM. ILO REP TOOK FLOOR DURING DEBATE TO REGISTER HIS ORGANIZATION'S OPPOSITION. END RESULT OF PROLONGED DISCUSSION WAS APPRECIABLY WATERED DOWN RESOLUTION WHICH INVITED DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT QUESTIONNAIRE TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, SETTING FORTH AIMS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES, AND REQUESTING GOVERNMENTS TO SUBMIT REPLIES IN TIME FOR SPRING SESSION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

6. LATIN AMERICAN DRAFT RESOLUTION, WHICH TOOK AIM AT THOSE MEMBER STATES, NOTABLY US AND GERMANY, WHICH HAD REDUCED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LATIN AMERICAN PROGRAM, WAS MODIFIED IN PREAMBLE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPERATIONAL SECTIONS, AGAIN AFTER PROLONGED DEBATE, TO FORMULATE MORE GENERAL APPEAL FOR SUPPORT FROM TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.

7. ELECTED TO ICEM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR COMING YEAR, IN ADDITION TO US, WERE: BELGIUM, BRAZIL, CHILE, DENMARK, HONDURAS, ITALY, SPAIN, AND URUGUAY. IN SUBSEQUENT SHORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING, RENE FOURDIN, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF BELGIUM
FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY, WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN.
SUBCOMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE MEMBERS, IN
ADDITION TO US WILL BE: ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, FRG,
AND NETHERLANDS.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SPECIAL SESSION SCHEDULED
FOR MAY 10 AND 11, 1976, WITH REGULAR EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING SET FOR NOVEMBER 18 AND 19,
FOLLOWED BY NEXT COUNCIL SESSION NOVEMBER 22 TO
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